



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Purchase of Portable Lift System for Equipment Maintenance Division (\$30,455)

MEETING DATE: May 7, 1997

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt the attached resolution awarding the contract for the above project to Municipal Maintenance Equipment, Inc., of Sacramento, in the amount of \$30,453.75, and appropriate funds in accordance with the recommendation shown below.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Equipment Maintenance Division is responsible for maintaining and repairing almost all of the City's vehicles and equipment, including the Transit fleet. The Equipment Maintenance Shop, located at the Municipal Service Center, has only one heavy-duty lift capable of lifting large pieces of equipment and buses. To better serve the Transit buses, heavy equipment and the Downtown trolley, an additional lift system is needed. A portable system provides the most flexibility and is less expensive than its in-ground counterpart.

We are rejecting the lowest bid from Sefac Lift & Equipment Corporation because it does not meet our specifications for lifting speed, lifting height and size of portable stands, and would require modification of its control panel. The second lowest bid, from GCS Western Power & Equipment, also failed to meet our specifications in several areas. A letter received from the manufacturer informs us they hope to produce an "improved design of the electro-hydraulic mobile column lifts in June". However, our specifications clearly indicate that the units bid must be "of latest design and in current production to be accepted". We are recommending this bid also be rejected.

The third lowest bid meets the specifications in all areas. The Stertil-KONI units even exceed the specifications in lifting capacity by 1,000 lbs. per column (16,000 versus 15,000 required), providing the City with 4,000 lbs. more lifting capability.

Specifications for this mobile, wheel-contact lifting system were approved on March 19, 1997. The City received the following three bids for this project:

| Bidder | Location | Bid |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Engineer's Estimate | | \$26,500.00 |
| Sefac Lift & Equipment Corp. | Baltimore, MD | \$24,012.04 |
| GCS Western Power & Equipment | Sacramento, CA | \$28,027.46 |
| Municipal Maintenance Equipment, Inc. | Sacramento, CA | \$30,453.75 |

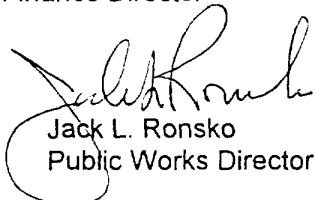
APPROVED: _____

H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager

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FUNDING: The money for this project will be coming from FTA Section 9 funds and TDA funds, per the 1996/97 FTA Program of Projects approved by the Council on April 16, 1997, as follows:

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| Requested Appropriation: | \$32,000: \$25,600 (FTA) and \$6,400 (TDA) |
| Project Estimate: | \$32,000 |
| Bid Opening Date: | April 3, 1997 |
| Funding Available: | <u>Ruby R. Sainte for</u> Finance Director |


Jack L. Ronsko
Public Works Director

Prepared by Dennis J. Callahan, Building and Equipment Maintenance Superintendent

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cc: City Attorney
Purchasing Officer
Building and Equipment Maintenance Superintendent
Transportation Manager
Acting Equipment Maintenance Supervisor

RESOLUTION NO. 97-51

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL REJECTING APPARENT
TWO LOWEST BIDS, AND AWARDING BID FOR THE PORTABLE LIFT SYSTEM
FOR THE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE DIVISION TO THE THIRD LOWEST
BIDDER WHOSE BID MEETS ALL SPECIFICATIONS

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WHEREAS, in answer to notice duly published in accordance with law and the order of this City Council, sealed bids were received and publicly opened on April 3, 1997 at 11:00 a.m. for the purchase of a Portable Lift System for Equipment Maintenance Division, described in the specifications therefore approved by the City Council on March 19, 1997; and

WHEREAS, said bids have been compared, checked, and tabulated and a report thereof filed with the City Manager as shown as follows:

| Bidder | Location | Bid |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Engineer's Estimate | | \$ 26,500.00 |
| Sefac Lift & Equipment Corp. | Baltimore, MD | \$ 24,012.04* |
| GCS Western Power & Equipment | Sacramento, CA | \$ 28,027.46* |
| Municipal Maintenance Equipment, Inc. | Sacramento, CA | \$ 30,453.75 |

* Bid does not meet specifications.

WHEREAS, because the apparent two lowest bidders did not meet specifications, staff recommends that the City Council reject the bids from Sefac Lift & Equipment Corp., and GCS Western Power & Equipment, and award the bid to the lowest responsible bidder, Municipal Maintenance Equipment, Inc. of Sacramento, CA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council hereby rejects the two lowest bids from Sefac Lift & Equipment Corp., and GCS Western Power & Equipment, and hereby awards the bid to the lowest responsible bidder, Municipal Maintenance Equipment, Inc. of Sacramento, CA, in the amount of \$30,453.75; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$25,600 FTA funds, and \$6,400 TDA funds be appropriated to cover the project:

Dated: May 7, 1997

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 97-51 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held May 7, 1997, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS -

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS -

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS -

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS -

JENNIFER M. PERRIN
City Clerk